

Amendment to the Claims/Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A gap filler for use with a patient support including a frame having a foot end and a head end separated by opposing longitudinal sides, a board coupled to one of the foot and head ends of the frame, the board including a first vertical edge and a second vertical edge, a first siderail positioned on one of the longitudinal sides, a second siderail positioned on the opposing longitudinal side, and a mattress positioned on the frame, the gap filler comprising,

a first barrier positionable to extend ~~between~~ from the first siderail ~~and to the first vertical edge of~~ the board to substantially fill a first gap defined therebetween,

a second barrier positionable to extend ~~between~~ from the second siderail ~~and to the second vertical edge of~~ the board to substantially fill a second gap defined therebetween, and

a connecting member coupling the first and second barriers together.

2. (Original) The gap filler of claim 1, wherein the connecting member is a web positionable under the mattress.

3. (Original) The gap filler of claim 1, wherein the first barrier is positionable between the mattress and the first siderail.

4. (Original) The gap filler of claim 1, wherein the second barrier is positionable between the mattress and the second siderail.

5. (Original) A patient support including,
a frame including a foot end and a head end separated by opposing longitudinal sides,

a board supported by one of the foot and head ends of the frame,

a first siderail supported by one of the longitudinal sides,

a second siderail supported by the opposing longitudinal side,

a mattress positioned on the frame,

a first barrier positioned to extend between the first siderail and the board to substantially fill a first gap defined therebetween, the first barrier including a substantially horizontal portion and a substantially vertical portion, the horizontal portion extending under the mattress, and

a second barrier positioned to extend between the second siderail and the board to substantially fill a second gap defined therebetween, the second barrier including a substantially horizontal portion and a substantially vertical portion, the horizontal portion extending under the mattress.

6. (Original) The patient support of claim 5, wherein the first and second barriers are coupled together.

7. (Original) The patient support of claim 6, wherein the horizontal portions of the first and second barriers are connected.

8. (Original) The patient support of claim 5, wherein the first and second barriers include a foam portion.

9. (Original) The patient support of claim 5, wherein the first and second barriers include a cover.

10. (Original) The patient support of claim 5, wherein the first barrier defines a first longitudinal axis that is parallel with a second longitudinal axis defined by the first siderail.

11. (Original) The patient support of claim 10, wherein the second barrier defines a longitudinal axis that is parallel with a longitudinal defined by the second siderail.

12. (Currently Amended) A gap filler for use with a patient support including a frame having a foot end and a head end separated by opposing longitudinal sides, a board coupled to one of the foot and head ends of the frame, the board including a first vertical edge and a second vertical edge, a first siderail positioned on one of the longitudinal sides, a second siderail positioned on the opposing longitudinal side, a mattress positioned on the frame and defining a patient rest surface, a first mattress gap defined between the mattress and the first siderail, a second mattress gap defined between the mattress and the second siderail, a first siderail gap defined between the first siderail and the board, and a second siderail gap defined between the second siderail and the board, the gap filler comprising,

a first barrier positionable to substantially fill the ~~mattress~~ first siderail gap, the first barrier extending from the first siderail to the first vertical edge, and

a second barrier positionable to substantially fill the second ~~mattress~~ siderail gap, the second barrier being coupled to the first barrier.

13. (Original) The gap filler of claim 12, wherein the first and second barriers are coupled together by a web.

14. (Original) The gap filler of claim 13, wherein the web is positionable below the mattress.

15. (Original) The gap filler of claim 12, wherein the first barrier substantially fills the first siderail gap and the second barrier substantially fills the second siderail gap.

16. (Original) The gap filler of claim 12, wherein a transverse member couples the first and second barriers together.

17. (Original) The gap filler of claim 12, wherein the first barrier includes a longitudinally extending portion and a transversely extending portion.

18. (Original) The gap filler of claim 17, wherein the second barrier includes a longitudinally extending portion and a transversely extending portion.

19. (Original) The gap filler of claim 12, wherein the first barrier includes a first portion positionable above the patient rest surface and a second portion positionable below the patient rest surface of the mattress.

20. (Currently Amended) The gap filler of claim 19, wherein the ~~second~~ first portion includes a foam material.

21. (Original) A patient support including,
a frame including a foot end and a head end separated by opposing longitudinal sides,
a board coupled to one of the foot and head ends of the frame,
a first siderail positioned on one of the longitudinal sides,
a second siderail positioned on the opposing longitudinal side,
a mattress positioned on the frame and defining a patient rest surface,
a first barrier positioned to extend between the first siderail and the board to substantially fill a first gap defined therebetween,
a second barrier positioned to extend between the second siderail and the board to substantially fill a second gap defined therebetween, and
a transverse member configured to couple the first and second barriers together.

22. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, wherein the transverse member is a portion of the frame that extends transversely between the first and second barriers.

23. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, wherein the transverse member is flexible.

24. (Original) The patient support of claim 23, wherein the transverse member is positioned between the mattress and the frame.

25. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, further including a second transverse member configured to couple the first and second barriers together.

26. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, wherein the first and second barriers are positioned between the mattress and the first and second siderails, respectively.

27. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, wherein a first portion of the first barrier is above the patient rest surface and a second portion of the first barrier is below

patient rest surface.

28. (Currently Amended) The patient support of claim 21, wherein the transverse member is at least a portion of the board.

29. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, wherein the transverse member is positioned at a longitudinal end of barriers.

30. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, wherein the transverse member is spaced apart from a longitudinal end of barriers.

31. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, wherein a portion of transverse member is positioned above the patient rest surface.

32. (Original) The patient support of claim 21, wherein a portion of transverse member is positioned below the patient rest surface.